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Colin Murphy writes

IT WOULD appear that a large number of people travelled to Scunthorpe to watch the game and I am quite sure the result was a great disappointment to all of you. It is of course a greater disappointment to the players and the management as two points there would have seen us firmly tucked behind the leaders.

The unfortunate thing at this moment in time would appear to be that we are reserving our victories for the sides who are highly placed in the League and we appear to struggle against sides who are lowly placed in the League.

From the attacking point of view we have approached every game with six attacking players in the side and taking into consideration that I very much encourage my two full-backs to support attacks, I don't think there can be any criticism that we are in any way a defensive side.

The criticism would appear to be founded when we are discussing the main point in issue which is making chances from all the territorial play that we seem to have had in previous games.

Against Tranmere in the second half, throughout the Northampton game and throughout the second half at Scunthorpe, the whole game was conducted in their half and we really did not produce enough chances in the penalty box to warrant that type of play.

However, I am sure you will appreciate that teams take a season or two to build, and we have got things right at the back where the amount of goals we are conceding is very small. I think the players are to be complimented on this record as it's not necessarily by design, because as I have said earlier I consider us to be an attacking side.

We now have a very heavy programme during March and April, and if we can show a minimal improvement on the February record, then I am quite sure our position in the League at the end of the season can be of some surprise.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the regular band of Away Supporters who make the trips.

Colin Murphy

CITY PAGE



☆ **DON'T FORGET**

The next home match, against Port Vale, is Saturday afternoon, 15th March, kick-off 3.00 p.m., and not Friday night as previously published.

☆ **PROGRAMMES WANTED**

We have had an enquiry from a programme collector in London, he would like to acquire two Lincoln City programmes, one from the League match with Crystal Palace in 1961/62 and the other from the Lincoln City All Stars versus Crystal Palace in 1972/73 season. The name of the collector is Mr. D. A. Illingworth, 14 Roscoe House, Holderness Way, Knightshall, London SE27 0ER. Mr. Illingworth's telephone number is 01-761-0600 and he says he is prepared to pay a very good price.

☆ **CAR PARKING**

We have received a few complaints from local residents regarding parking along side streets in the Sincil Bank area. We would ask all our supporters to abide by the 'No Waiting' signs and point out that there is ample car parking space on the South Common only a few minutes' walk from the ground.

☆ **BERT LOXLEY LOTTERY RESULTS**

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2nd Prize — Ticket No. 02814 — E. Stafford, 109 Welland Road, Peterborough.

3rd Prize — Ticket No. 00484 — Mandy Daniels, 4 Wisteria Avenue, Branston, Lincoln.

☆ **MASCOTS**

This evening's mascots are Phillip Russon, New Farm, Burton and Robert Main, 93 Grange Crescent, Lincoln.

☆ **COVER PICTURE** *(Courtesy Lincs. Chronicle)*

Derek Bell in action against Dave Bruton (No. 4) of Newport County in the Imps' last home game. Derek scored one of the goals in the 2-1 victory over Newport.

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Lincoln and District Football Supporters Club

WE WELCOME Wigan Athletic and their supporters to Sincil Bank this evening for what should be a very interesting game between two sides very evenly balanced and having an outside chance of promotion.

Let us hope that both sides play attacking football so that we can have an entertaining game to watch.

The Imps have many faithful and dedicated travelling supporters, who, regardless of how good or bad the team are playing, travel thousands of miles each season to follow the Imps. But we feel that one in particular warrants a special mention in these notes. He is Mr. Ernie Wright of Dukinfield in Cheshire.

Ernie as a schoolboy chose to support Lincoln City, when most of his pals chose one of the two Manchester clubs. Now in his mid-forties, Ernie, nearly thirty years later is still supporting the Imps, attending almost every home and away match.

We in the Supporters Club are hoping that Ernie, this season, will receive some reward for his faithful and untiring support of the club he loves. It is with great pleasure that we have nominated him for Rothman's Football Supporter of the Year Competition.

This competition is organised by the National Federation of Supporters Clubs and sponsored by Rothman's. The first prize being a holiday for two to America. Second prize is £500 cash and numerous other cash prizes.

We all wish Ernie the best of luck in this competition.

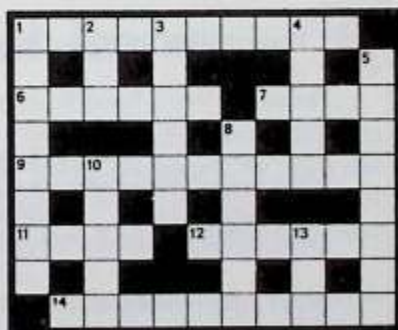
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CLUES — Across

1. Experienced former QPR defender who moved from Millwall to Crystal Palace last season (4, 6)
6. Graham's first name (6)
7. The number of goals in St. John scored for Scotland (4)
9. Former Arsenal, Northampton and Plymouth full-back who has since, for example, managed Wimbledon and Brentford (4, 7)
11. It grows on the Moor at Burnley (4)
12. Former England defender at both amateur and professional levels (6)
14. Where the Canaries nest (6, 4)

CLUES — Down

1. Fellow-member of a side (4-4)
2. Score (3)
3. South African who played for Blackpool in the 1950s and was player-manager of Chester in the 1960s (6)
4. Famous old scoring winger for Italy: --- Riva (5)
5. Passed into the goal area (8)
8. The subject of Exeter's record sale and Blackpool's record buy in 1978 (6)
10. Famous World Cup match result: North --- 1 v. Italy 0 (5)
13. Brian Clough won this many England caps (3)



Down:
1. Team-mate
2. Net
3. Hauser
4. Luigi
5. Centred
8. Kellow
10. Korea
13. Two

Across:
1. Tony Hazel
6. Arthur
7. Nine
9. Mike Eventt
11. Turf (Moor)
12. Slater
14. Carrow Road (Norwich)

SOLUTIONS:

CITY PERSONALITY No. 14

Aidan McKenzie

Age: 20
Birthplace: Athlone, Eire
Height: 5 ft. 10 ins.
Weight: 10 st. 10 lbs.
Married: No.

Previous Clubs:

Sligo Rovers, Galway Rovers.

Favourite Player: Kevin Keegan

Most Memorable Moment in Football:

Getting the chance to play in the Football League.

Favourite Singer: Bob Geldorf.

Favourite Actor: Clint Eastwood.

Favourite Other Sports:

Interested in coaching at youth clubs.

Favourite Meal: Steak & Chips.

Pre-match Meal: Egg on toast.

Best Friend: Have many close friends.

If you weren't a footballer what would you be? P.E. Teacher.

Career after Football: Football coaching, particularly schools.

Professional Ambition: To play for Ireland.



Aidan says: I wish to make progress as a footballer so as to play in a higher division.

AUTOGRAPH



Red Imps Association



TRAVEL

Before our next home fixture we have three away games. The Travel Section will be running coaches to all of these matches at DARLINGTON on Tuesday, 4th March, STOCKPORT on Saturday, 8th March and ROCHDALE on Tuesday, 11th March. To assist with the booking of the coaches it is imperative for all tickets to be obtained by the game prior to the one you wish to travel and preferably all tickets for the three games should be either bought or reserved at tonight's match. Any enquiries about these trips please call and see Chris, Peter or Bill at the Travel Hut tonight.

The weekend trip to Bournemouth still has several vacancies on the second coach. Anybody interested either in staying for the weekend with the party in the hotel or just to use the coach please call at the Travel Hut tonight. All passengers are cordially reminded that their full quota of money is now due.

SHOP

The shop has a wide range of Lincoln City and other souvenirs for your inspection and purchase. A new stock of the club jumpers in black with the club crest on are due for tonight's match. Call in at the shop, see our friendly assistants and get what you need.

Barrie has a very wide range of League, non-League, Scottish and International programmes for you to purchase. Any problems or queries about programmes or collecting Barrie will attempt to answer or help you.



Junior Red Imps



WE ARE still looking to increase our membership and anyone up to the age of 16 is welcome. Application forms are available from the souvenir shop, the Away Travel Hut and the office. It costs £2 to join and you get a scarf, a badge, a pen and a membership card and certificate.

We are running a coach to Stockport and any members who have not already booked must do so today, details from the Away Travel Hut.

If any members have not already advised us about the trip to Wembley on June 7th, please do so as soon as possible, as the number of places is limited.



meet our visitors

by Tony Pullein

Wigan have outside chance

WIGAN still have an outside chance of gaining promotion, even though this is only their second season in the Football League.

Wigan took their place in the Fourth Division last season and, after a disastrous start, recovered so well that they were unlucky not to finish in one of the top four places.

After drawing their first game at Hereford, Wigan lost their next four matches and it looked as if they would have a struggle on to avoid having to apply for re-election. Manager Ian McNeill then realised that his old Northern Premier League side wasn't going to be strong enough and he took swift action to remedy the situation.

He signed defenders Kevin Smart (from Plymouth), David Fretwell (Bradford City) plus forwards Derek Brownbill and Micky Moore (both from Port Vale). These moves paid off and soon Wigan were playing with renewed confidence.

They eventually finished in sixth place, a most creditable achievement.

Satisfied with his team's performances in the latter part of the season, Mr. McNeill did not make any major summer signings until injuries to both his professional goalkeepers forced him to move in for Rochdale's Chris Shyne, who joined the club on loan. John Brown resumed his place as soon as he was fit.

In October the manager paid a club record fee of £30,000 for East Fife centre-back Colin Methven. He also introduced midfield man George Urquhart to League soccer this season and brought in his reserve striker Tony Quinn with devastating effect — Quinn scored in each of his first five full League games.

Wigan have won five away League games — at Stockport (2-1), Bournemouth (2-1), Rochdale (2-0), Peterborough (2-1) and York (2-1).

They drew at Darlington (2-2), Walsall (1-1) and Portsmouth (1-1) but went down at Hereford (1-2), Huddersfield (0-4), Doncaster (1-3), Newport (2-3) and Bradford City (1-2).

Wigan's outstanding F.A. Cup run included a 1-0 away win over Second Division pacemakers Chelsea in round three and it eventually ended in the following round at Everton (0-3).

In the League Cup they went out 1-2 on aggregate to Stockport at the first stage.

Pen Portraits

JOHN BROWN (Goalkeeper). John joined Wigan in 1976 when they were still in the Northern Premier League. He began his career with Preston, making his League bow in 1966/67. In 1970/71 he joined Stockport on loan and, when he returned, he earned a regular first-team game for North End. He was transferred to Stockport in 1975.

DAVID FRETWELL (Defender). David made more than 300 appearances at the heart of the Bradford City defence and Wigan signed him last season to bring more stability to their back four.

NEIL DAVIDS (Defender). Neil didn't make the League team at Leeds and was transferred to Norwich in 1975. During his first campaign at Carrow Road he was released on loan to Stockport. In 1977 he was transferred to Swansea and last season he was signed by Wigan.

COLIN METHVEN (Defender). Wigan invested what will eventually become a club record £30,000 fee when signing Colin from East Fife in October. He first appeared in East Fife's senior side in 1975 and had been ever-present for the past three seasons.

JOE HINNIGAN (Defender). To Joe went the honour of scoring Wigan's first goal in League soccer, against Newport County in September 1978. He had not played League soccer prior to Wigan's elevation in 1978 and, before joining Wigan in 1975, he was with South Liverpool.

TOMMY GORE (Midfield). Tommy thought his chances of making it in League soccer had disappeared when Tranmere released him in 1974 without giving him a chance in their first-team. He went to Wigan and happily played through their last four seasons of Northern Premier League football. Last season he was ever-present.

FRANK CORRIGAN (Midfield). Frank joined Blackpool from Ormskirk in 1972 but didn't manage to get into their senior team. He moved on to Walsall in 1973 but didn't do a lot with them, either. He went back into non-League football with Northwich Victoria in 1977 and joined Wigan two seasons ago.

JEFF WRIGHT (Midfield). Jeff enjoyed his first taste of League soccer last season, holding his place in the Wigan side throughout the season. He scored seven goals.

GEORGE URQUHART (Midfield). George was once a junior player with Motherwell but he moved on to Highland League side Ross County, the club previously managed by Wigan boss Ian McNeill who signed him for Wigan last summer.

MICKY MOORE (Forward). Micky came through the junior set-up at Port Vale to take his place in their senior side in 1977/78. Wigan signed him during the early weeks of last season when he scored nine goals for them.

PETER HOUGHTON (Forward). Peter was Wigan's top scorer with 14 goals last season and leads again with 11 this term. Peter joined Wigan from South Liverpool in 1977 and scored 18 goals for both those clubs in the Northern Premier League in 1977/78.

DEREK BROWNBILL (Forward). Derek played in Liverpool's First Division side in 1973/74 but moved on to Port Vale the following season. He made about 100 senior appearances for Vale before signing for Wigan last season, when he scored six goals.

TONY QUINN (Forward). Tony didn't score when he made his League debut, as substitute, against Lincoln in October. But he went on to score in his first five League games — one short of the all-time record — and he now has 9 goals to his credit. He was once a junior with both Everton and Liverpool.



Back row, left to right: Noel Ward, Ian Purdie, Derek Brownbill, John Brown, Bob Ward, Kevin Smart, Mike Quinn, John McDermott. Centre row, left to right: Duncan Colquhoun (Physiotherapist), Joe Hinnigan, Jeff Wright, George Urquhart, Nigel Hart, Neil Davids, John Curtis, Frank Corrigan, Peter Houghton, Dave Fretwell, Kenny Banks (Trainer). Front row, left to right: Tommy Gore, Alan Crompton, John Wilkie, Ian McNeill (Manager), Mr. A. O. Horrocks (Chairman), Micky Moore, Mark Wignall, David Glenn.

SPORTS REPORT

By MAURICE BURTON, Sports Editor, Lincolnshire Echo

WITH away form causing concern, there is all the more need for Lincoln City to continue their successful home run with a victory over fast-rising Wigan Athletic tonight.

The visit of the League's newcomers to Sincil Bank is the last home game for the Red Imps until they meet Port Vale in a fortnight's time, but before then they have three away fixtures to pull in . . . all of which, on paper, should be within their capabilities of at least gaining a point.

But, after the failure to break down the Scunthorpe defence despite unlimited possession of the ball, the possibility of City suddenly finding winning form on tour seems rather remote . . . though every road is said to have its turning eventually. Without a win in nine away League games, and one FA Cup match, the Red Imps are long overdue for another away success, and who knows, once they get one, others might follow as they did so easily at the start of the season.

After tonight, the Imps visit Darlington, who were beaten 4-3 by Bradford City at home on Tuesday. Then, they go on to Stockport next Saturday, with another re-arranged game at Rochdale on Tuesday, March 11th, before their next fixture at Sincil bank.

Bradford City, in fact, provide an interesting guideline as to City's chances against Wigan tonight. They defeated the Lancashire side 2-0 at Valley Parade recently, but before City fans get all keyed up for an easy win, the fact of the matter is that Bradford were extremely lucky not to be beaten.

Indeed, Wigan were rated by one of my sports colleagues in the Bradford area as the best team to visit Valley Parade for at least two years. How they failed to score, I was told, was a mystery, but in the end Bradford found the breath and the spirit to score twice late in the game.

It was at Wigan, back in October, that things began to go wrong with City's away performances. Wigan, on a losing streak at the time, were distinctly apprehensive at the start, and they were not helped when they gave away an own goal to put Lincoln ahead. City missed a couple of easy chances which might have killed off their hosts, but Wigan came back to win it 2-1 . . . and the Imps have not won away since.

For their part, Wigan have climbed steadily up the table, and if City have some chance of promotion, Wigan's future looks as if it might be in the Third Division next season. The postponement of their last two matches, against Doncaster and Tranmere, means they have games in hand of every team above them. They have played only 28 matches, but have collected 32 points . . . and that leaves them 11 points behind third-placed Portsmouth, with five games to spare.

But, as City know, games in hand are only useful if they produce points, and for that reason Wigan will be looking tonight to extend their success with a win at Sincil Bank.

SPORTS ECHO

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25 YEARS AGO

...by JOHN SPALDING

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TWO inches of snow made surface conditions difficult for Lincoln City and Stoke City when they met in a Second Division match at the Victoria Ground.

But the conditions were a bonus for the spectators who were treated to six goals in a 4-2 home victory for Stoke.

Four goals came in the first 19 minutes of the match. With three minutes played, Bowyer put Stoke in front after the referee had waved aside an offside signal from a linesman.

Seven minutes later Lincoln were level when Gibson found the net from 18 yards after being put clear by Neal. In the 14th minute Gibson put City in front when he headed in a free kick from Middleton.

In the 19th minute Bowyer scored his second goal of the match with a shot that cannoned off City keeper Downie into the net. The score remained at 2-2 until the first minute of the second half, when Bowyer made it 3-2 to Stoke and in the process completed his hat-trick, although Lincoln keeper Downie seemed to have got the final touch as he attempted to punch the ball out from under the crossbar.

Stoke virtually wrapped up their victory when King put them 4-2 ahead in the 68th minute. Lincoln had a chance to reduce the deficit when they were awarded a penalty, but Neal hit his shot straight at the Stoke goalkeeper.

The Lincoln team was: Downie; Graham, Troops; Middleton, Emery, Neal; Munro, Garvie, Gibson, Birch, Finch.

Heavy snow made the Sincil Bank pitch unplayable and forced the postponement of City Reserves' match against Corby Town.



TREMENDOUS INTEREST FOR SCHOOLS' INTERNATIONAL

by NEV WHARRIER — Lincoln Schools' F.A.

WITH only just over a week to go before the England versus Scotland Schools' Under 18 International, there is certainly plenty of evidence from the pre-match ticket sales that there could be a large attendance for this first ever England Schoolboys' International.

Applications for tickets have come from all parts of the county and further afield. Although the majority of seat tickets have been sold there are still some tickets available at the Ground and Haigh's Sports, Lincoln.

One piece of not-so-good news is that Chris Cox unfortunately did not make the final squad of 16 players for the match. After such highly commendable performances recently for Lincolnshire Schools' and Lincoln City Youth and Reserve sides it is rather disappointing that Chris will not be representing his country on 8th March at Sincil Bank.

Still, I am sure that the game will prove to be a very entertaining one and a great opportunity to see some possible International stars of the future.

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Married, and with one son, he is a Senior Foreman in Government Workshops and is interested in training and local football competitions.



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IMPS IN ACTION



Newport keeper Plumley plucks the ball to safety while
Mick Harford (No. 10) looks on.

(Photo courtesy Lincs. Chronicle)



Jimmy Gordon punches clear from Mick Harford in the game at Scunthorpe.

(Photo courtesy Lincs. Echo)

The Modern Medicine Man

A series by Bert Loxley, Lincoln City's physiotherapist on soccer injuries for the guidance of local amateur trainers.



THE WORK of the physiotherapist or 'trainer' at a football club is obviously specialised in so far as the injuries he is called upon to treat are generally limited to the lower limbs and one sprained ankle will follow a similar recovery pattern to any other sprained ankle.

At a football club time is the commodity which is always short when dealing with injuries, especially when the team is involved in mid-week games, but it should always be borne in mind that a recovery is not influenced by an extravagant building, nor by complex chrome plated equipment but rather by the PHILOSOPHY that is adopted as the club policy. This is perhaps worthy of comment.

PHILOSOPHY

Football is an industry and as in all walks of life getting fit and back to work after injury is very much a full-time business. Keeping fit during a lay-off caused through injury is equally important. It is very much an active-process although rest and passive therapeutics are used as and when appropriate. Care must be taken that the treatment room does not become an 'escape hatch' from the hard grind and daily routine of daily coaching and training.

A situation should be produced whereby a player works harder to get fit after injury, than in his normal training routines.

Control over the recovery environment — from onset to completion — is probably the most important single factor in restoring a player to full fitness in the shortest possible time. The player must understand that he must play his full part in this — for example it **MUST** be clearly understood that if **REST** with the injured limb elevated is prescribed, this will **NOT** be achieved at a dance hall or a public bar.

The object is a **fit team** of high morale, and this is not something which you get from tablets or being in the treatment room all day. Restoration of confidence after injury is of tremendous importance to the professional footballer, and situations must be produced in his recovery programme which will prove complete fitness to the player as well as the training/coaching team.

— To be continued.

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ALDERSHOT manager Tom McAnearney hopes the signing of Pompey striker Colin Garwood will give him the final piece in his promotion puzzle. Garwood was Portsmouth's top scorer with 17 goals when they amazingly agreed to part and, after at first refusing him permission to join a neighbouring club that was also a promotion rival, they finally shook hands on the £50,000 deal.

During his time Garwood, a one-time England youth international, has been a consistent goalscorer for Peterborough, Oldham, Huddersfield, and Colchester. Portsmouth signed him for £25,000 two seasons ago and last season he was their top marksman with 15 goals. He celebrated his Aldershot debut with a goal in the 1-1 draw with Walsall.

One interesting arrival at Fratton Park was midfielder man Jimmy Brown who has been given a month's trial after spending the previous year in Greek football. Jimmy was only 15 when he made his League debut for Aston Villa in 1970 and he later became the youngest captain in Villa's history. He joined Preston in 1975 but left Deepdale to go to Greece in July 1978. He is still only 25.

The transfer of midfielder man Brian Wilson from Blackpool has finally been completed by Torquay who paid a £15,000 fee. Wilson completed a successful loan period at Plainmoor but there was some delay in concluding negotiations for the full transfer.

Several Fourth Division clubs have been active in the transfer market. Port Vale, struggling to pull clear of the re-election zone, have signed goalkeeper Mark Harrison, from Southampton, and defender Lee Harwood from Wimbledon.

Vale, who have had three managers this season, are currently suffering their worst-ever season in the Football League. Problems started when Dennis Butler was sacked in August. He was succeeded by Alan Bloor but within about four months he, too, lost his job. Now John McGrath, the former Southampton centre-back, is in charge.

Port Vale have never been forced to apply for re-election in the normal way but in 1968 they were expelled from the League, for alleged irregularities, and had to put up for re-election in order to regain their League status.

Peterborough United are to take over the running of their supporters' club's social club at the end of July — with the greatest reluctance. Explained general manager Arnold Blades: "It was a regrettable but necessary move. In our present economic climate the club needs direct control of all financial dealings. We employ a full-time commercial staff who will run the business on a competitive basis."

Billy Bremner was known as a bit of a firebrand during the early part of his playing career and he made regular appearances before the F.A. disciplinary committee. By comparison his managerial career has been very quiet but he did step out of line when criticising a referee recently and was charged with bringing the game into disrepute.

Mr. Bremner was fined £200 and would have been quite happy to pay up and forget the matter. But the club itself is appealing against the decision. "We feel very strongly about it because this is the first time he has stepped out of line as a manager," explained chairman Tom Phillips.

Football League clubs have vast scouting networks which ensure that most of the best soccer talent is channelled into the right direction. The one place where managers do not waste their time and energy looking for players is — at the labour exchange!

Now things could be different. Because 18-year-old Kevin Caine was given a six-months' trial by Darlington after being recommended to the club by the Manpower Services Commission's youth opportunity scheme.

Kevin recently completed his six-months' trial and has been signed as a full professional. Manager Billy Elliott is full of praise for the scheme. "I think the idea could be very good for football," he said.

The Rothmans' Supporter of the Year competition is now approaching the regional finals stage — and the chances are that a supporter of a Fourth Division club will win it. Lincoln City's representative is Mr. Ernie Wright, who travels all the way from Cheshire to follow the lumps.

The Midlands Regional Finals are being staged in March with the winners receiving £100 and the runners-up £50. Each regional winner will go forward to the national final in Nottingham in April. It is hoped that Brian Clough and Brian Moore, the ITV commentator, will be among the judges.

The winner of the competition will receive a fortnight's holiday for two in the U.S.A. with £200 spending money. His club will receive £500. The runner-up will receive £500 personally and £300 for his club. Further cash prizes are available for the third and fourth place competitors.

League Tables

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Walsall	33	18	13	2	55	29	49
Portsmouth	33	18	7	8	72	39	43
Huddersfield	33	18	8	7	73	40	44
Bradford City	31	16	7	8	55	39	39
Newport	32	16	6	10	56	38	38
Peterborough	33	14	8	11	40	32	36
Torquay	30	13	9	8	50	40	35
Aldershot	31	14	6	11	44	32	34
LINCOLN CITY	31	12	9	10	41	34	33
Bournemouth	33	9	14	10	39	36	32
Northampton	32	12	8	12	39	51	32
Wigan	28	13	6	9	48	43	32
Doncaster	31	11	9	11	48	44	31
Halifax	31	11	9	11	31	36	31
Hartlepool	31	11	8	12	44	43	30
Tranmere	31	11	7	13	49	40	29
Stockport	32	10	8	14	32	53	28
York	33	9	9	15	51	63	27
Port Vale	33	9	8	16	41	50	26
Darlington	32	7	12	13	35	50	26
Scunthorpe	31	9	7	15	36	57	25
Hereford	32	8	9	15	27	38	25
Crewe	33	6	7	20	23	57	19
Rochdale	31	5	8	18	28	64	18



NORTH MIDLANDS

League Table as at 20th February 1980

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	21	15	1	5	61	13	35
Hull City	20	10	5	5	51	26	25
Sunderland	19	9	3	7	34	15	25
Barnsley	18	9	5	4	40	21	22
Mansfield Town	17	8	4	5	39	24	21
Chesterfield	16	9	4	3	28	14	21
Grimsby Town	16	8	5	3	25	22	19
Rotherham United	18	8	9	1	20	31	17
Scunthorpe United	16	7	7	2	25	38	16
Notts. County	16	4	6	6	21	29	14
LINCOLN CITY	19	6	12	1	19	33	13
Darlington	16	3	8	5	21	39	11
York City	18	3	11	4	18	35	10
Doncaster Rovers	17	4	12	1	15	41	9
Halifax Town	13	0	11	2	9	45	2

In Reserve . . .

SCHOOLBOY FOOTBALLERS

(Continued from two-match programme)

Bearing in mind the difficulties involved in signing the best schoolboys, what do we at Lincoln have going for us whereby we can compete against other, usually bigger clubs?

How can we attract players from outside the area as well as from within Lincoln?

Firstly, more and more young players are realising the advantage of starting with a small club where they do not 'get lost' among great numbers of players in their early years. There is also obviously a much greater chance of breaking into the first team earlier.

This gives us an advantage, especially if you have a manager who is prepared to give young players a chance, if they are good enough, which is why it especially pleases me to see Stephen Ward and Phil Turner break into the first team.

Secondly, the player looks at the staff of the club who are going to handle his career — whether they are going to help develop him — and this is another reason I am pleased to see the above two players get into the team and I sincerely hope there are one or two more get their chance before the season ends.

Third, the question of accommodation and facilities is important. We are fortunate to have a hostel, ably run by Mrs. Freeman, which houses the apprentices and young professionals and some schoolboys during their holidays. For players who come from outside Lincoln to sign as apprentices, it is important for them to be happy with their living conditions and it is better to live in a hostel together than live singly in digs which are difficult to get in Lincoln anyway.

The training facilities at the club are reasonable — and when the outside pitches are unfit, local schools and R.A.F. camps are very helpful in lending us indoor facilities, although it will obviously be much better when we have our own gymnasium.

— To be continued

Lenny Lawrence
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1. ERIC McMANUS
2. TREVOR THOMPSON
3. PHIL NEALE
4. GEORGE SHIPLEY
5. TREVOR PEAKE
6. DAVID CARR
7. GORDON HOBSON
8. NOLAN KEELEY
9. CRAIG RAMSEY
10. MICK HARFORD
11. DEREK BELL
12. TONY CUNNINGHAM



Wigan Athletic

1. JOHN BROWN
2. DAVE FRETWELL
3. RON MACIVOR
4. TOMMY GORE
5. COLIN METHVEN
6. NEIL DAVIDS
7. FRANK CORRIGAN
8. JEFF WRIGHT
9. PETER HOUGHTON
10. TONY QUINN
11. GEORGE URQUHART
- 12.

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